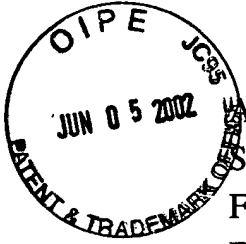


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Applicant(s): John A. Helgenberger et al. : Art Unit: 3627
Serial No.: 09/443,233 : Examiner: Gary Wayne Estremsky
Filed: November 18, 1999 :
For: LATCHING SYSTEM :

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2002

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The applicants request entry of the following claim amendments.

Please replace claims 4, 7, 14, and 19 with the following amended claims.

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- 1 4. (Amended) A system for providing releasable engagement between
2 two structures, said system comprising:
- 3 a stud extending outwardly from one of said structures along an axis,
4 said stud having an outer surface oriented at an angle to said axis; and
- 5 a resilient member positioned adjacent a surface of the other one of
6 said structures, said resilient member having a substantially torroidal
7 configuration, an outer surface contacting said surface of said structure to
8 prevent movement of said outer surface radially outward, and an inner
9 surface moveable radially outward;
- 10 said torroidal configuration of said resilient member defining an opening
11 smaller than said stud, and said opening of said resilient member being
12 configured to expand radially outward to permit passage of said stud, said
13 resilient member being configured to engage said surface of said stud for
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	13	-20** = 0	X	0
Independent Claims	6	-3** = 3	X	84.00
Multiple Dependent			X	0

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i>	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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